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Dear Senator Balyeat

My name is Paul Sims and I was on the Board of Dentistry in Montana for ten years and was president for the last seven years. I completed my term in March, 2011. I am an Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeon from Butte and have been using anesthesia to care for my patients since completing my four year residency in 1975.

In my many years of giving to the profession of Dentistry I have served in many areas related to anesthesia. I was on the American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons (AAOMS) Committee on Anesthesia for six years. I chaired the committee for four years. I was on the American Dental Association (ADA) Council on Dental Education and Licensure for four years and the Chairman for 2006. This Council has a Committee on Anesthesia and I chaired it for one year. While I chaired the Council I initiated a review of the ADA's documents on the provision of anesthesia in dentistry and was responsible for the creating the documents you have before you.

While I was Chairman of the AAOMS Committee on Anesthesia I edited the AAOMS Office Evaluation Manual that the members of the association and Montana State Board of Dentistry use as a basis for the Office Evaluations required by the rules of the Board of Dentistry every five years.

I am currently the Chair of the Anesthesia Subcommittee for the American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons Parameters of Care Document. I was Chair of the Committee for the 2006 revision. I am also the Junior Editor for the entire document and will be the Senior Editor for the next edition.


I am the president of the National Dental Board of Anesthesia, a certifying examining board for the American Dental Society of Anesthesia and have been on the Board of Directors for about 6 years.

While chairing the ADA Council of Dental Education and Licensure I was able to develop a continuing education course that dealt with airway management issues that are the most common problem we see in dental office emergencies. This course has an internet component that is taken before the formal meeting. The subsequent course has a lecture component and a session on a high fidelity patient simulator. This is a great course I anticipate State Dental

Boards will be able to require the dentists that have sedation and anesthesia permits to take this course instead of or in addition to the American Cardiac Life Support course that doesn't address airway management for most office emergencies.

This bill will bring Montana in line with the national standards and not change the current practice of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery in our state. I urge the Montana Senate to pass this bill and let the Board of Dentistry and their Committee on Anesthesia develop rules that will protect the patients in Montana.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Paul G. Sims DDS".

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